## AMENDMENTS

**In the Specification:**

Please replace the stated paragraph(s) within the specification with the following paragraph(s).

[0014] Another embodiment of the present invention includes a retaining system comprised of a track that extends in a generally horizontal direction around the belt when the belt is in use. This invention includes semi-rigid retainment frame that is connected to an inner semi-rigid frame member. This retainment frame is comprised of a base portion and an accessory attachment portion that are interconnected by a mid-section portion. The mid-section portion spaces the distance between the base portion and an accessory case thus positioning the accessory case away from the body of the user. The retainment frame is made up of a track having a groove. The track is formed to receive a correspondingly shaped tenon from that is connected in to an accessory case. The placement of the tenon within the track allows accessory to be [slide] slid into various positions and held in place through the use of a screw, ~~know or other~~ or other known device. For ease of manufacturing the track is of the same Picatinny scale as the vertical plates which may also be used together with sections of this horizontal track system. This horizontal track configuration allows various attachment devices to be serially placed and slid into position upon the belt.

[0022] Fig. 5 is a perspective view of one embodiment of the ergonomic duty belt ~~donned by a~~

~~law enforcement officer (shown in dotted outline)~~ having the preferred second embodiment of the attachment retaining system

[0023] Fig. 6 is a perspective view of the alternative embodiment of the ergonomic duty belt depicted in Figure 3 ~~a perspective view of the ergonomic duty belt depicted in Figure 5 shown encircling a liner belt located interior of the ergonomic duty belt~~.

[0027] Fig. 10 is a top view of the attachment device shown in ~~Fig. 10~~ Fig 8

[0031] Fig. 14 is a top plan view of the tenon to be inserted into the slotted connection device of Fig 13,~~and the vertical plates shown in the present invention.~~.

[0050] Referring first to Fig. 8 a perspective view of the accessory attaching device 242 is shown. The accessory attaching portion 242 includes an attachment device tenon 246 which is configured to be inserted between the duty belt 200 and the outer surface 116 of the ergonomic belt 110. These tenons [146] 246 have tabs 148 attached to them which are configured to latch beneath the duty belt 200 and prevent the extraction of the attachment device 242 from the duty belt inadvertently. The connection between the attachment device 242 and the ergonomic belt portion 110 is further enhanced by the placement of an attaching patch 252. This attaching patch 252 is placed and configured so as to connect with a portion of the ergonomic belt preferably a

~~circumvolving patch~~ region of material on the inner belt 162 such as hook and loop fastener or another type of material that will adequately form a connection between the attachment device tenon 246 and ~~the ergonomic belt 100~~ inner belt 162.

[0055] Each of these accessory cases could include an attachment system configured to connect with the accessory tenon [256] 146 shown in Figures 5 and 6, or may be otherwise variously embodied to connect to an attachment device 242 utilizing another connection device or system. Although a specific attachment system is depicted in the illustrated embodiment, it should be apparent to those skilled in the art that alternate attachment systems are suitable for use with the present invention and are with in the spirit and scope of the present invention. Such devices include but are not limited to devices that attach utilizing forms tabs, snaps, hook and loop fasteners, various forms of latching devices and other connection and locking devices.

[0056] Referring now back to Figures 1-14, [In] in one presently preferred embodiment, the ergonomic duty belt 100 further comprises a liner belt coupling system 163 for coupling the ergonomic duty belt 100 to a liner belt 162. In operation, the liner belt 162 is of a sufficiently narrow width as to pass through the belt loops of a pair of trousers, securing the liner belt 162 upon the waist of the user. In turn, the liner belt coupling system 163 permits the ergonomic duty belt 100 to then be coupled to the liner belt 162, thus anchoring the ergonomic duty belt 100 to the liner belt 162 to provide positional stability to the ergonomic duty belt 100 upon the waist of

the user. The coupling system 163 in the illustrated embodiment includes a hook and loop fastening assembly 164 formed from hook and loop fastening fabrics, such as VELCRO® hook and loop fastening fabrics